

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The inflation fluid source includes a proximal end and a distal end. The attachment flange 30 is positioned adjacent a proximate end of the inflation fluid source 20. Thus, a majority of inflation fluid source 20 is positioned substantially within the housing 45. As can be seen in the illustrations, a majority portion 90 of the disc which defines the inflation fluid source 20, (between the distal end 31 and the attachment flange 30) extends into the cylindrical housing 45 from the flange 30. A lesser portion 92 of the disc-shaped inflation fluid source 20 (between the proximal end 29 and the attachment flange 30) extends outward from the flange 30, away from the interior of the housing 45 and into the dashboard. In one preferred embodiment, between about one third and about one seventh of the height of the inflation fluid source 20 extends outward from the attachment flange 30 away from the housing 45 and to the dashboard. In a presently preferred embodiment, about one fifth of the height of the inflation fluid source 20 extends outward from the attachment flange 30 into the dashboard interior 93. Accordingly, there is little material extending beyond the point of attachment of the inflation fluid source 20 to the instrument panel 94 into the interior of the vehicle. Thus, the airbag module uses space efficiently and minimizes any weight behind the point of attachment. Because the flange 30 is the point of attachment of the inflation fluid source 20, and consequently the module 10 itself, to the interior of the vehicle, there is little weight behind to the point of attachment to create unwanted forces upon the instrument panel 94. Additionally, the module 10 has a smaller or shorter profile and more easily fits within the instrument panel 94. Accordingly, the present invention does not require additionally bracketry to support the module 10 within the passenger side of the vehicle.